

Black Mountain Pond

Other Uses of the Ponds

These ponds were originally created by rock excavation for road surfacing. They are also important water sources for livestock watering, fighting fire and road watering for dust abatement. These ponds will continue to be used for such purposes, which may occasionally interfere with fishing activities.

More Information

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Walk-in Pond – 0.75 acres: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84, and then left on road 3102 (Mt. Emily Snowpark) about one mile to a locked gate. Park at the gate and walk about 1.5 miles to the pond. The pond, not visible from the road, is located 100 yards off the 3102 road to the left, near the 160 spur.

Boundary Pond – 0.7 acres: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84 about 3.7 miles to the National Forest boundary Sign. The pond is located approx. 100 yards to the left of the road, and is not visible from the road.

Owsley Pond – 0.25 acres: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84 about 9 miles to Forest Road 3109. Travel Forest Road 3109 approx. 0.3 mile and turn left on the 010 spur for about 0.3 mile to the pond. Stay to the left.

Keyhole Pond – 0.4 acres: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84 about 9.9 miles to spur road 090. Take spur 090 about 0.8 miles to 094. Pond is located to the right of 094.

Skyline Pond – 0.1 acres: Take Forest Road 31 north from Interstate-84 about 16.9 miles to spur road on right (about 0.9 miles south of the jct. of Forest Road 3120). Proceed about 200 yards on this spur road. Pond is on the left.

Black Mountain Pond – 0.34 acres: From Oregon Hwy 204, take Forest Road 31 south to Forest Road 3128, then Forest Road 3135 to spur road 030. The pond (not visible from the road) is 0.25 mile down the spur 030 on the left.

Nine Mile Pond – 0.45 acres: (formerly Horse Camp Pond.) From Oregon State Hwy 204, travel 3 miles south on Forest Road 31 to spur road 287. The pond is located just off Forest Road 31 at spur 287.

Shimmiehorn Pond – 0.3 acres: From Oregon Hwy 204, take Forest Road 31 South to Forest Road 3128, then Forest Road 3130 to spur road 013. This pond, not visible from the road, is located 0.25 mile down spur 013 on the left.



The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), in cooperation with the Umatilla National Forest (USFS), annually stocks eight rock quarry ponds on the Walla Walla Ranger District with catchable sized trout. Depending on access, the ponds are usually stocked by mid to late June.

These ponds are not near developed campgrounds, so plan your fishing trip as a day-use activity, or come prepared for primitive camping. If you camp, please remember to tread lightly. Respect the environment and other users. Leave no trace or evidence that you were there. Do not clean your fish in the pond. Doing so fouls the water. If you clean your fish on site, bury the waste parts. Please pack out your trash and keep vehicles on roads or in parking areas.

Oregon State fishing regulations apply to these ponds. Check your fishing regulations pamphlet, and make sure you have the appropriate fishing license.

Read on for directions to the ponds. A map on the reverse side of this brochure will help you find them. Good fishing!



